

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Gathering

Organ Voluntary *Prelude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN* by John Wyatt Burson

Rejoice, and lay aside your fear. Rejoice, the Holy One is here. God is with us! Alleluia!
Lift up your voices, come and sing. Come worship Christ, the heavenly King. God is with us! Alleluia!
- Ken Bible and Tom Fettke (alt.)

Greeting and Call to Worship Alex Lockridge

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*
And also with you.

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We are gathered for worship.

In a world of half-truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

In a world of many gods, we need an encounter with the one true God.

In a world that demands so much – and yet so little of us –

we need to be confronted with a gospel that will ask of us our very lives.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

+Hymn 315 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART
stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Confession of Sin Jeremiah Banks

God of mercy, hear our prayers.

Your Spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful.

*We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous,
selfishness over service, diatribe over dialogue.*

God of mercy, hear our prayers.

Forgive our sins, and move us to live as people transformed. Amen.

+Response MIT FREUDEN ZART

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;

Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.

Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:

To God all praise and glory.

- Johann Jakob Schütz

Proclaiming

A Moment for Children

Jeremiah Banks

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture

Alex Lockridge

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

- Isaiah 65:17-25

Canticle: The First Song of Isaiah

setting by Jack Noble White

Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation
And on that day you shall say,*

“Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name.” **REFRAIN**

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

See that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things

And this is known in all the world. **REFRAIN**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy,

For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **REFRAIN**

- from Isaiah 12

A Reading from the Gospels
Luke 21:5-19

Paul Sims

Sermon

“How Do We Get There?”

Alex Lockridge

Responding

+Hymn 590

The Solid Rock

SOLID ROCK

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

Offertory Prayer

Alex Lockridge

Loose change received in November will be used to purchase
Christmas gifts for our White Flag participants

Offertory Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul

setting by John Ness Beck

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll –
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought – my sin, not in part, but the whole

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back like a scroll:

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so” – it is well with my soul!

- Horatio G. Spafford

Remembering Our Past

Bill Daniel

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sending

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 565

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

*HYFRYDOL

+Commission and Blessing

Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

Go from this place, drawing deeply from God's saving well.

Do not chase after self-proclaimed messiahs,

but trust in God – and God alone.

And may God delight in you and give you strength,

may Christ Jesus lead you into God's tomorrow,

and may the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Voluntary on HYFRYDOL

by Anna Laura Page

+all who are able may stand

Yukiko Fujimura, Church Accompanist

Carolyn Garr, cantor

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Agnes Young

in commemoration of her birthday

by

Billie J. Poynter and family

Today's organ music is from a library of more than 1,000 digitized hymns, anthems, and solo-organ music that Gayle Majors recorded over the last several years. We are thankful for Gayle's life, for her 36-year tenure as Organist for First Baptist Church, and for this fine legacy that she has left for us.

*supplemental organ music by William P. Young, III

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